Response to Office Action Dated October 6, 2003

REMARKS

Att'y Dkt: 3448-103 (changed)

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 2-6 are cancelled without prejudice to the claimed subject matter. Claim 1 is currently pending. Claims 1 is amended. No new matter is added.

Applicants request that the Office use attorney docket number 3448-103 in reference to this application.

The Specification is amended to remove references to FIGS. 14 and 15. The Drawings are amended to remove FIGS, 14 and 15.

FIGS. 3. 9. 10a, and 10b are amended. No new matter is added. FIG. 3 is amended to include reference number 82 which is supported at least by para. [0016]. FIG. 9 is amended to more clearly show the ends of lead lines. FIG 10a is amended to swap reference numbers 44 and 54 and supported at least by para. [0028]. FIG. 10b is amended to include reference number 52 and to make the arrow between references 58 and 59 bidirectional. This amendment is supported at least by para. [0028].

Claim 1 is amended to include a limitation of "a display driving portion directly connected to said display and a touch screen driving portion constructed by respective separate PCBs (printed circuit boards)" and recite "an interface medium for electrically connecting said board of said display driving portion and said board of said touch screen driving portion" and "wiring on said touch screen configured such that it is drawn out from said touch screen and comes into contact with said board for said display driving portion." Support for these amendments is found, inter alia, in the description of the application in FIGS. 11-13 and paras [0054]-[0055].

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Objections to the Drawings

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR § 1.83(a). The Examiner asserted that features of claim 2 were not shown in the drawings. Claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice to the claimed subject matter and, therefore, the objection is moot.

The drawings were objected to because the Examiner asserted that FIG. 11 was not consistent with FIGS. 14 or 15. FIGS. 14 and 15 have been deleted from the application and, therefore, this objection is moot.

Objections to Claims 1 and 2

Claim 1 was objected to under 37 CFR § 1.75(a). The Examiner asserted that lines 9 and 10 of the claim were inconsistent with "the last two lines of claim 1 and with the disclosure, specifically fig. 11." Claim 1 has been amended according to the Examiner's suggestion and Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

Claim 2 was objected to because the Examiner asserted it contained an informality. Claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice to the claimed subject matter and, therefore, the objection is moot.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 2-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicants have cancelled claims 2-6 without prejudice to the claimed subject matter and, therefore, the rejection is moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that claim 1 would be allowable if amended to overcome the objection set forth in the Office Action. Applicants submit that the amendment to claim 1 overcomes the objection and recites at least the "wiring on said touch screen configured such that it is drawn out from said touch screen and comes into contact with said board for said display

driving portion" limitation of the uniquely distinct feature identified by the Examiner.

Therefore, Applicants request that the objection be withdrawn and claim 1 passed to issue.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the presently pending claims in this application is in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw outstanding rejections of claims and objections and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a further telephone conference with the undersigned would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event that this response is not timely filed, Applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time and requests that the corresponding fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2135

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees and to credit any overpayments that may be required by this paper under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

Respectfully submitted.

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